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1. The attached photograph of the Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49) airfield

Six biplanes were parked in front of the partly destroyed hangars, which are being used as garages. The seven large blocks of airfield barracks buildings were in good condition. An open, 30 to 40-meter long shed, probably an emergency garage for trucks, had been built near the fuel dump on the northern border of the field.

2. The expansion of the field started about 15 February 1950. New workers were currently being hired during the period of observation. Several small temporary office buildings and tool sheds had been built at the field. The workers did leveling work and lay narrow-gauge field railway tracks.

3. Swept-back jet aircraft similar to those photographed at the Finow (N 53/V 08) field were observed flying in the area of Neuruppin. According to several local residents, such planes had not yet landed at the field.

Comment:

a. The field is not occupied by an air unit. An army unit is reportedly quartered in the field barracks. The biplanes constantly observed in Neuruppin probably are courier planes of this army unit. A small air force detail may be assumed to be stationed at the field for the servicing of these aircraft. The previously reported presence of air force soldiers in Neuruppin would support such an assumption.

b. The intention of expanding the field was previously reported.\* According to this report, the construction work, the extent of which is not yet known, has apparently begun.

c. The attached photographs indicate the layout of the field. 25X1 composite

1 Annex: 1/photograph taken of the Neuruppin Airfield

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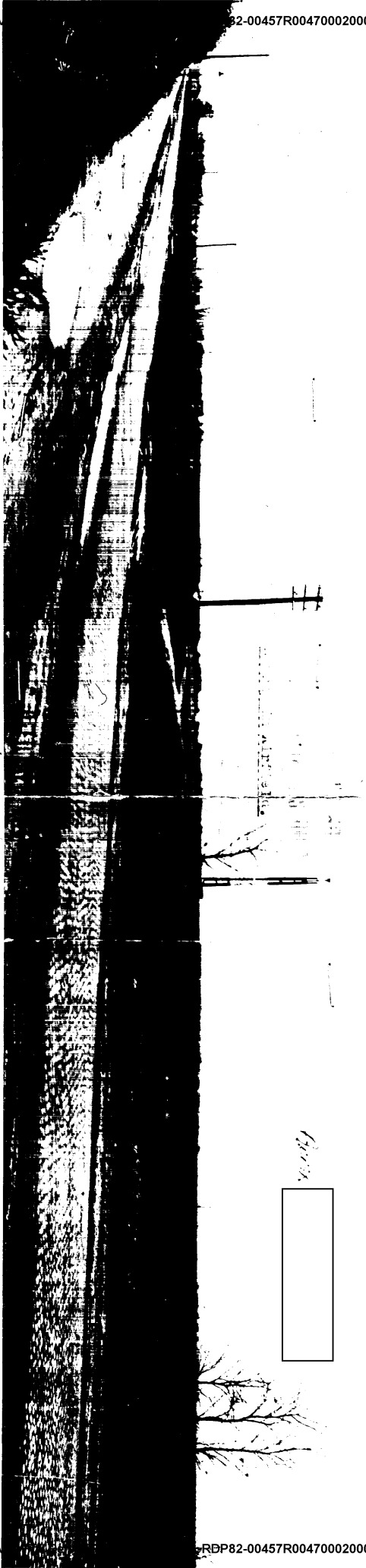
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